

**A Healthier Montana Task Force
February 18, 2015
1:30-2:30pm**

Welcome and Roll Call

Overview

The three main topic areas discussed were:

Tobacco Cessation has gaps still in e-cigarettes and tobacco taxes (no increase since 2006). Progress has been made in smoke free tobacco housing units, reduced tobacco usage on campuses (college and medical), and in marketing (Quitline).

Immunization bills before the legislature were discussed. The statute for school attendance has the personal exemption taken out. The Immunization information system Mtracks is a statewide immunization registry to see what shots have been given. People will have the option of opting out.

Nutrition and Physical Activity at the state level was discussed. The program is working to implement local policies (streets with bike lanes), improve breastfeeding rates, implement baby friendly policies, support Headstart in daycares (children obtain physical activity), and efforts to improve nutrition policies in schools.

Task Force Discussion - Next Steps

We are looking at the Federal Reserve Proposal to host a meeting on healthier communities.

Public Comment

Next Meeting

TBA